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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC FELON SENTENCED FOR FIREARM
FOLLOWING JURY CONVICTION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

David D. Henson, 51, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to 15 years and eight months in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 1, 2003, **Henson** was found guilty by a federal jury of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The federal jury found **Henson** guilty of being a felon in possession of a Mauser K98 bolt-action rifle and a Savage 12-gauge bolt-action shotgun on Aug. 24, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Henson** has two 1998 criminal felony convictions for sale of a controlled substance, a 1982 criminal felony conviction for burglary, a 1977 criminal felony conviction for burglary and stealing, a 1972 criminal felony conviction for stealing and a 1971 criminal felony conviction for auto theft.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Hunt. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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